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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

BY HER FINGER TIPS.

New York Hanging On To the Hope

That She May Yet Get the Place

ON SUPREME BENCH.

Three Names of New Yorkers are Suggested,

But Cleveland May Now Snub New York.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The New York delegation in congress is moving quickly as a result of the rejection of the nomination of W. H. Peckham for the supreme bench. They do not want the recent discord over Hornhower and Peckham to result in sending the appointment outside of New York state.

Already three prominent New York names are being actively canvassed, but it is known that the president considers that the whole country is open to him now from which to select a Justice.

Representative Tracy was at the White house and saw the president concerning the nomination of Judge D. Cady Herrick of Albany, N. Y. The leading Democrats in members of the Brooklyn delegation are urging the selection of Judge Edgar M. Cullen of Brooklyn, a judge of the supreme court of the state, and steps will be taken to formally present the name of Judge Cullen to the president.

A third New York name is that of Judge Lacombe, one of the judges of the federal court in New York, who has especially urged because of his freedom from party and factional entanglement.

GENEROUS SANTA FE.

The Same Big Hearted Men Running the Road as Ever.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—Mr. Steele Mackay's condition remained unchanged up to an early hour this morning. His physicians, however, will not express any opinion as to his chances for recovery. The chief trouble is the inability of his stomach to retain nourishment, and his condition is described as stupor to death.

The Santa Fe railway has extended to Mrs. Mackay the use of a special car to cover Mr. Mackay to California, where his physicians believe that he can recuperate. Mr. Mackay thinks that her health will be strong enough in a few days to undertake the journey.

Mr. Mackay rallied during the day. His physicians gave no hope for his recovery. (Mrs. Mackay is the author of "Pan Kauai," and other noted plays.)

SOUTHERN VENGEANCE.

One Negro Assassinated and Another Caught Arrest.

BELM, Ala., Feb. 17.—Stanton, Clinton county is in a state of great excitement over the murder of Mrs. Jessie Rucker, and in avenging, the dead body of a negro being found riddled with bullets, lying near the scene of the dastardly crime, while another negro is under arrest.

The place where Mrs. Rucker was assasinated and murdered, is a lonely settlement and the unfortunate woman being dead, there is no way of getting at the details of the horrid crime.

JUDGE RIVER DEPARTS.

He Closed Up His Term of Court After Doing Lots of Work.

Judge River closed the present session of the United States district court this noon, and took the afternoon train to St. Louis where he will hold court for a few days and then go to Cheyenne, and from there to Denver.

This session had lasted just a week, but in that time Judge River has disposed of a large number of civil cases, a jury case and a number of criminal cases. There is no delay in court work when Judge River is on the bench.

ON DANGEROUS GROUND.

Newspaper Troops Occupy Land Under British Domination.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—The steamer W. G. Howes, from Bluefields, Central America, announces the occupation of that town by the Nicaraguan troops.

Bluefields, which has a population of 1,500, is the capital of the Mosquito territory, an independent state controlled by the native Mosquito Indians, under a hereditary chief, and under the joint protection of Great Britain and Nicaragua. The territory occupies nearly the entire Atlantic coast of Nicaragua.

CUT HIS HEAD OFF.

Report that Chinese Minister Was Beheaded in China for Behavior Here.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—No credence is given here to the report that Mr. Pang, late first secretary of the Chinese legation at Washington, has been beheaded in China as a result of his official conduct here.

If there had been any objection to the secretary's conduct it is believed that the late Minister Tsai would have been involved in the imperial dispensary, but as a matter of fact, Mr. Tsai since his return to China, has been promoted to one of the highest positions in the Chinese government.

RESERVE \$74,500,000.

Banks in New York Banks Continue to Decrease.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The weekly bank statement shows that the following changes in reserves were made: Bank of America, decrease \$11,066,875; loans, increase \$6,743,300; specific decrease \$3,212,700; legal borders, decrease \$2,980,300; deposits decrease \$4,184,100; circulation, decrease \$447,300.

The banks now hold \$74,536,775 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

MORTON RIDICULED.

Because He Advocated the Advantages of the Canada Thistles.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Hearings were given by the house committee on agriculture today to representatives of the farming interests of the northwestern who favor the bills before congress for the extermination of the Russian thistle. Governor Shorbridge of North Dakota was the principal speaker.

The secretary of agriculture was ridiculed by Representative Shadley, a democrat from Pennsylvania, because of a letter written last August stating that the weed was a blessing because sheep would eat it. Representative Balmer, a Nebraska Republican, resented the remarks of Mr. Shadley and defended the secretary.

The first speaker was Representative Bow of Minnesota, who has a bill for the extermination of the thistle, before congress, and he described the disadvantages of the weed.

Governor Shorbridge said that the weed had been brought in by immigrants a few years ago, and had spread until it had covered 100,000 square miles. It grows to height of three feet, completely choking out grain. Unless we could be successfully waged against this weed, many farmers would be compelled to abandon their lands entirely.

State legislation had been directed against it for its destruction by the town and county agencies, but this proved insufficient. He advocated a federal appropriation from congress. A letter was read from A. H. Moulder, superintendent of the Great Northern railroad.

He wrote: "There is much action taken by the farmers in the different communities and the cities. The damage to the land would be indefinitely greater than any of the greatest plagues those districts have ever experienced."

Farmers were disengaged because the weed completely choked the growth of grain. It spread had been within three years and there was danger of further extension to Minnesota and North Dakota by descendants of grain.

Another letter from Governor Sheldon, of South Dakota, stated that the weed had found lodgment in the southern counties of the state for years and was just making its appearance in Northern Dakota, where the people are much alarmed. He had been surprised to learn that the people preferred the Russian thistle to fall grass.

In answer to questions from Representative Simpson, the speaker stated that twenty-five million acres of the twenty-five million acres of land in North Dakota belongs to the government. Russian agricultural officers had told him that large tracts of land in Russia had been absolutely abandoned because of the weed.

Representative Shadley of Pennsylvania asked: "Have you not a letter from the secretary of agriculture saying that the farmers should regard this weed as a blessing?"

Mr. Shadley replied that Secretary Morton had written such a letter, but in his opinion, the secretary must have been deceived by newspaper articles written by a man who had sheep to sell.

ONLY A TRAMP.

Covered Up By Red Hot Slag and Creosote.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 17.—Dick Porter, a 17-year-old boy from Knoxville, a horrible death here early this morning. He with two other tramps, lay down to sleep near the hot slag pile of the Elco furnaces.

During the early morning a fresh dump of red hot slag was made covering Porter completely and bodily burning the two others. Scarcely the bones of Porter were left.

PRENDERGAST POUNDED.

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CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—George Craig, the minister of little Emma Wagner, was released from the county jail dungeon, where he has been confined for several hours for pounding his cell mate. Prendergast.

The man quarreled and Craig, who is the larger of the two, gave Prendergast a severe beating, the latter howling lustily for help until guards separated the fighters.

TO BE HEARD MARCH 3.

The Day for the Pittard-Breckinridge Hearing is Set.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Judge Read of the district supreme court, after hearing to condemn for each side this morning, fixed March 3d as the date for beginning the hearing of the suit of Madeline Pittard against Representative W. P. C. Breckinridge of Kentucky.

BRYAN HAS A GOOD BILL.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The judiciary committee has under consideration a bill by Representative Bryan of Nebraska, to increase the penalties for embezzlement of the funds of national banks and to grade the punishment in proportion to the amount taken. Mr. Bryan spoke in advocacy of his bill today.

The New Dean Arrives.

Rev. Frank R. Millspaugh, the new dean of Grace Cathedral, arrived in the city last evening, and will preach tomorrow at the cathedral. It will be made a special occasion by the choir and congregation.

LOCAL MENTION.

At the request of Mr. S. C. Miller, North Side member of the school board, Dr. Hibben, city physician, today made a thorough examination of the condition of Quincy school, two deaths from diphtheria having taken place among the pupils there. Dr. Hibben found the condition of the school house and outbuildings first class.

By a defect in the grade at the corner of Eighth and Van Buren street, water caused by the melting snow, has overflowed the curbstone and is several inches deep over the street car tracks.

Through the inability of water to flow up hill it cannot reach the manhole on the side of the street. A detail from the street force is trying to remedy the matter.

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SIMPSON OPPOSES

Any Favors to the Rock Island in Oklahoma.

IN ITS HARDFOUGHT CONTEST OVER TOWNSITES.

A SHARP DEBATE

Takes Place On the Subject in the House Today.

THE HOUSE WITHOUT A QUORUM ON BLAND'S BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—At the opening of the session this morning, Mr. Wheeler moved that the senate amendment to the bill to require railroad companies operating in the territories over a right of way granted by the government to establish stations and depots at intervals on the lines of said road established by the interior department, be non-concurred in.

The senate amendment provides that within thirty days after the passage of the bill an order shall be held in L and O counties in Oklahoma for the purpose of determining the location of the county seat.

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